Adjournment motions

Mr. President : I have received notice of a motion for the adjournment of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance, the refusal for security reasons by the Division Inspector of Police, Ernakulam, to grant an application for sanction to conduct a public meeting in Ernakulam on the 9th of August. I have sonsidered the admissibility of this motion and I think that it is in order. I shall therefore read the statement.—

"Under Rule 21 of the Legislative Council Rules, I pray for leave to move the adjournment of the Council for the purpose of discussion a definite matter of urgent public importance to wit:—

The refusal for security reasons by the Division Inspector of Police, Ernakulam to grant an application from the President, Kanayannur Taluk Prajamandalam Committee, for sanction to conduct a public meeting in Ernakulam, 9th August, *i.e.*, yesterday, for the purpose of explaining to the people the policy and programme of the Prajamandalam and for celebrating the "Martyrs' Day".

Is any objection taken to this?

Then I fix 3-30 to-morrow afternoon as the hour in which the motion may be taken.

Voting of Demands for Grants.

26. Public Health Rs. 3,06,959

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Sir, I rise to move for an allot mentof Rs. 3,06,959 under 26. Pub ic Health. I don't think a speech is required for the Hon'ble Members to grant this allotment. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction this allotment.

Cut motion No. 43

Health Visitors

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Thattamangalam)*: Sir, I rise to move to reduce the allotment of Rs. 33,690 for Establishment Rural Sanitation in Demand No. 26 by Re. 1, *The posts of Health Visitors be abolished and more Rural midwives be appointed with the savings so made.*

These Health Visitors have the same qualification as the midwives in the hospitals and the midwife in the hospital gets Rs. 20-40 per mensem. Here it is proposed to give them Rs. 16-30. They were given Rs. 16 for the last 3 or 4 months. Now they have been asked to refund the increment. I don't know why. It is pitiable that these Health Visitors who have to go about place to place in rural villages where they cannot expect to get anything more than their pay, are given only a smaller pay than the midwives who have other means of income. It is simply to bring this disparity to the notice of the Government that I tabled this cut.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)* : The pay of the Health Visitors is 16-30, and that of the midwives is also the same. There is therefore no disparity in their pay.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Thattamangalam)*: The pay of the midwives is Rs. 20-40.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen (*Minister for Rural Development*) : Formerly it was 20-40. It is now reduced to 16-30 with an allowance of Rs. 15. I don't think there is any disparity.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon *(Chittur-Thattamangalam)*: Both have got the same qualification.

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: In the case of the Health Visitors the area is a little larger.

Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated)* : What is the training that has been given to the Health Visitors?

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)*: Some of them have been trained in Delhi, and some of them in the General Hospital and Civil Hospital.

Mr. Jos. K. Varghese *(Trichur-South)*: On a point of information....

Mr. Parambi Lonappen *(Minister for Rural Development)* : Midwives get training in Midwifery course and the Health Visitors in the Health Visitors' course.

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